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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
 HIROYUKI OHSAWA ) Examiner: J. Blackwell  
 Application No.: 09/986,244 ) Art Unit: 2176  
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 14, 2006. Claims 12, 14, 15, 27, 29, 30, 42, 44 and 45 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 12, 27 and 42 are independent. For convenience, all of Claims 12, 14, 15, 27, 29, 30, 42, 44 and 45 are reproduced below. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.


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